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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. QUAI DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FRANCOIS
DE LABOULAYE, TELEPHONED EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER SHORTLY
AFTER NOON APRIL 5 TO PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF FRENCH
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON HUMANITARIAN AID IN SOUTH
VIETNAM RELEASED APRIL 5. ORIGINAL AND EMBASSY
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT PROVIDED BY QUAI
FOLLOW:

2. ON CONFIRME DANS LES MILIEUX AUTORIZES QUE
LE GOUVERNEMENT FRANCAIS A DECIDE D'APPORTER UNE AIDE
HUMANITAIRE A L'ENSEMBLE DES POPULATIONS DU SUD-
VIETNAM (MEDICAMENTS, VIVRES, AIDE EN PERSONNEL MEDICAL
ET PARA-MEDICAL). OUTRE LES MESURES DEJA DECIDEES
CONCERNANT L'HOPITAL GRALL A SAIGON, DE NOUVELLES
MESURES VONT ETRE MISES EN APPLICATION EN FAVEUR DES
POPULATIONS QUI SE TROUVENT DANS LES REGIONS ADMINIS-
TRES PAR LE GRP. IL A EGALEMENT DECIDE QUE LE VICE-
CONSUL DE FRANCE QUI SE TROUVE A DANANG ETAIT CHARGE
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D'ASSURER LA LIAISON AVEC LES AUTORITES RESPONSABLES.

LES SOUFFRANCES DE CES POPULATIONS, DE L'AVIS DU GOUVERNEMENT, RENDENT PLUS URGENTE QUE JAMAIS LA MISE EN OEUVRE, CONFORMEMENT AUX DISPOSITIONS DES ACCORDS DE PARIS, D'UN PROCESSUS ABOUTISSANT A UN REGLEMENT POLITIQUE AU SUD-VIETNAM. LE GOUVERNEMENT FRANCAIS POUR SA PART EXPRIME L'INTENTION D'Y CONTRIBUER ACTIVEMENT."

3. EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

"AUTHORIZED CIRCLES CONFIRM THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONTRIBUTE HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM (MEDICINE, FOOD, MEDICAL AND PARA-MEDICAL PERSONNEL). IN ADDITION TO THE MEASURES ALREADY DECIDED UPON CONCERNING THE GRALL HOSPITAL IN SAIGON, NEW MEASURES ARE GOING TO BE APPLIED IN FAVOR OF THE PEOPLE LOCATED IN REGIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE PRG. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE FRENCH VICE CONSUL IN DANANG HAS THE TASK OF ASSURING LIAISON WITH THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES. THE SUFFERING OF THESE PEOPLE, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S OPINION, MAKES MORE URGENT THAN EVER THE ESTABLISHMENT, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS ACCORDS, OF A PROCESS LEADING TO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FOR ITS PART, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO THIS END.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT PHONE CALL LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DE LABOULAYE TOLD EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER THAT COPY OF STATEMENT WAS BEING DELIVERED "TO SECRETARY KISSINGER" BY FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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